from environmental angles;

(b) the time limit stipulated for according clearance by Government; and

(c) the reasons for not according clearance within the stipulated period of time by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The Environmental Impact Assessment has been made mandatory through a Notification issued by the Ministry in January, 1994, amended in May, 1994, for twenty nine categories of development projects including River Valley Schemes involving investment of Rupees fifty crores and above.

(b) and (c) The Notification of 1994 inter-alia stipulates that assessment shall be completed within a period of ninety days from receipt of requisite data and documents from the project authorities and decision to be communicated within thirty days thereafter. Non submission of complete environmental details by the project authorities results in delay in decision making within the stipulated time frame.

News-Item Regarding Temple Gold Theft in Varanasi

998. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether temple gold theft has created tension in Varanasi as reported in the Indian Express dated the 20th November, 1995; and

(b) if so, the action taken to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PHOF. M. KAMSON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

Cases of Murder in Delhi

999. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of murders in Delhi during the last six months/till November, 1995;

(b) the number of cases resolved; and

(c) the details of action taken against the culprits and to check the rising trends of killers in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. M. KAMSON): (a) to (c) During the period from June 1 to November, 1995 the number of cases of murder reported in Delhi, the number of cases solved, the number of persons arrested and the action taken against them is as under:

Number of cases reported	Number of cases solved	Number of persons arrested	Number of persons challaned	Number of persons against whom investigations are pending
280	179	429	232	197